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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I personally had no success getting treatment with my wonderful MD. They wouldn't go past my blood test results being within normal range, no matter my symptoms. I was lyterally going bald, and as a 27 year old woman that was really hard! I went to a Naturopath and they looked deeper - they found I have a thyroid condition even though, yes - my blood labs come back with medical ranges. They treated me with natural supplements and my hair not only stopped falling out all together, but started growing back in right away. We need these doctors, we need their dedication and their outside of the box thinking! We need them to be able to practice what their being trained and educated in!

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Christen Laughlin